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SUBJ UN-INDOCHINA SOUTHERN PENINSULA CHILD ASSISTANCE

REF GENEVA 3838

1. PER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT MOE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD LETTER RE ABOVE NOT NOW GOING OUT UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

2. CABLE TO PRG REPS SENT.

3. NO FUZZY PRESS NOTE RELEASE NOW PLANNED ALTHOUGH AVAILABLE TO MEDIA UPON REQUEST.

4. SOLICITATION AND SUMMARY LETTER TO 14 PREVIOUS MENTIONED COUNTRIES PERTINENT EXCERPTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IN REFERENCE PRG AND DRV. QUOTE. WHILE IN HANOI, OUR STAFF WERE CONTACTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM (PRG) AND RECEIVED FROM THEM INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS IN TERRITORIES UNDER CONTROL OF THE PRG AS WELL AS A PRELIMINARY LIST OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER SUPPLIES (SUCH AS CLOTH FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING) STATED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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URGENTLY NEEDED. THIS LIST IS NOW BEING REVIEWED FOR

AVAILABILITY OF THE ITEMS AND THEIR SUITABILITY FOR UNICEF ASSISTANCE. WE ARE ALSO DISCUSSING THE MATTER, INCLUDING MODALITIES OF AID, WITH OFFICIALS OF THE INDO-CHINA OPERATIONAL GROUP OF THE RED CROSS IN GENEVA WHO CURRENTLY ARE DISCUSSING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PRG. TAKING THE ABOVE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS AND PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF WAYS OF HELPING TO MEET LONGER-RANGE NEEDS, ASSISTANCE FROM UNICEF IN THE ORDER OF SOME \$400,000 TO \$500,000 MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, POSSIBLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROGRAMMES OF THE RED CROSS.

TO SUM UP, UNICEF CURRENTLY NEEDS, IN ADDITION TO THE \$3 MILLION FROM OUR GENERAL RESOURCES COMMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (REFERRED TO IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THIS LETTER), SOME \$2.5 MILLION - \$3 MILLION IN ORDER TO HELP CARRY OUT EXISTING AND POSSIBLY EXPANDED PROGRAMMES IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN LAOS AND IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND ALSO TO MEET SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND IN TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE PRG. I SHALL BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF FOR THESE PURPOSES. UNQUOTE.

(B) RE FUTURE PLANS. QUOTE. THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF REQUIRED RESOURCES REMAINS AT APPROXIMATELY \$30 MILLION. IT WOULD, OF COURSE, HELP GREATLY IN PREPARING OUR PROGRAMMES IF YOUR GOVERNMENT, IN ADDITION TO ANY CONTRIBUTION IT CAN MAKE TO HELP US MEET THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS OF \$2.5 MILLION TO \$3 MILLION MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE, COULD CONTRIBUTE OR PLEDGE AN AMOUNT TOWARDS THESE LARGER PROGRAMMES. UNQUOTE.

(C) IN RE SECRETARY GENERAL. QUOTE. I HAVE KEPT SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM REGULARLY AND FULLY INFORMED. HE SUPPORTS OUR LINE OF ACTION. I SHOULD ALSO TELL YOU THAT I AM NOT, AT THIS TIME, MAKING A GENERAL OR PUBLIC APPEAL FOR FUNDS, BUT I AM SIMPLY APPROACHING A LIMITED NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS THAT I FEEL MAY BE WILLING TO CONSIDER MAKING SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST TO ME. FINALLY, IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY  
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OF THE SITUATION IN THE AREA, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT, IF YOUR GOVERNMENT FINDS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR ANY PUBLICITY TO BE COORDINATED WITH MY STAFF. UNQUOTE.

5. REYES' (PRESIDENT OF UNICEF BOARD) SPEECH NEXT WEEK TO ECOSOC TO CONTAIN FOLLOWING PERTINENT EXCERPT: QUOTE. IN ADDITION, TWO SENIOR UNICEF OFFICIALS HAVE VISITED THE DEMO-

CRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WHERE THEY HAD PROLONGED DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE UNICEF ASSISTANCE. THEY HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNICEF TO PROVIDE URGENTLY A SELECTED LIST OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AS WELL AS SOME TEACHING AID FOR THE SCHOOLS. THEY ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE TYPES OF AID WHICH MIGHT BE NEEDED FOR LONGER TERM RECONSTRUCTION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL BE FURTHER REVIEWED WITH THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

WHILE IN HANOI, THE UNICEF STAFF MEMBERS WERE ALSO CONTACTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND RECEIVED PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS OF ASSISTANCE STATED TO BE URGENTLY NEEDED, SUCH AS MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AND CLOTH FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING. DISCUSSIONS ARE NOW GOING ON WITH THE INDO-CHINA OPERATIONAL GROUP OF THE RED CROSS IN GENEVA WITH THE VIEW TO POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION OF ANY UNICEF ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR PROGRAMMES OF AID TO THE PRG.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS JUST REPORTED MORE FULLY TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITIES OF UNICEF ASSISTANCE IN THE INDO-CHINA PENINSULA, AND IS APPEALING TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP CARRY OUT THE VARIOUS UNICEF PROGRAMMES IN THE AREA. UNQUOTE.

6. U.S. DELEGATION STILL PLANS NO INTERVENTION BECAUSE OF DELICACY OF SUBJECT MATTER AND GENERALITY OF DRAFT RESOLUTION PREVIOUSLY CABLED UNLESS SO REQUESTED.BASSIN

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